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ELECTION PASSED OFF QUIETLY

The primary election Tuesday was a very quiet affair. The Democrats had no contests on the county ticket and only one (that of governor) on the state ticket. The Republicans had two county offices with more than one candidate for each, besides the state and district offices. It looks like Simmons is nominated for congress on that ticket. Clyde R. Commons is thought to have carried the district for state senator, but the returns from all the counties have not been reported, as we go to press. Ray Millman was nominated for register of deeds and A. B. Fullmer was re-nominated for superintendent of this county. Below is the vote polled over the county for the contested offices, all of which, with the exception of candidates for governor, are Republican:

For Governor:	
Capper	320
Galtskill (D.)	86
Landson (D.)	98
For Judge Supreme Court, Position No. 1:	
Porter	171
Graham	89
For Secretary of State:	
Brown	70
Botkin	157
For State Auditor:	
Organ	101
Kuapp	95
Deyer	70
Brambidge	30
For State Treasurer:	
Cook	48
Whiteman	67
Evans	71
Payne	95
For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:	
Wooster	117
Ross	155
For Congressman 7th District:	
Russell	88
Simmons	170
For State Senator 38th District:	
Glenn	130
Commons	246
For County Superintendent:	
Rusco	150
Fullmer	222
For Register of Deeds:	
Millman	279
Morrison	78
The total vote in the county on the uncontested candidates is as follows:	
Republicans	
D. K. Baty, Representative	295
Stonfer, County Clerk	346
Locke, Treasurer	344
Light, County Attorney	333
Campbell, Probate Judge	323
Morrow, Coroner	292
Trindle, Surveyor	309
Lane, Clerk of District Court	300
Fuest, Commissioner	215
Democratic Ticket	
Farmer, Representative	195
Finley, Recorder	201
Wright, Probate Judge	181
Dobson, Sheriff	232
Kniesly, Coroner	208
Thompson, Superintendent	189
Tucker, Clerk of District Court	190

PLAYGROUND THRIVING

Last week saw the largest increase in the attendance at the playground of any week since its beginning. The new apparatus has attracted a good many and the grounds are being well patronized by the young folks. Mr. Hestwood takes his boys' class for a swim once a week. The season is about half over so those not yet enrolled had better take advantage of the opportunity and begin soon.

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BROKE OUT OF JAIL

Dick Wisdom and Henry Crason, the parties mentioned in these columns last week who were committed to jail for holding up some men near the depot week before last, broke out of the Seward county jail Monday night, and haven't been seen since high twelve yesterday. They used pocket knives to cut through the laths and plaster on the ceiling, crawled through the aperture and walked over to the head of the stairway, where they descended and made their walk-out. It is reported that a party saw the boys walk out and never reported the same to the sheriff until an hour afterwards. Cards have been mailed out by Sheriff Dobson to the officers of surrounding towns and it is hoped to bring them back into the fold before many more moons. This is the second jail breaking, performed in practically the same manner, in less than a year, and it would be a mighty good move on the part of our county commissioners to make a small appropriation for a steel ceiling as a part of the county bastille's interior decoration. It is not so expensive as catching, trying and then catching again, the prisoners who are committed to the sheriff's care.

A WEEK OF FIRES

Liberal has been visited by three small fires this week. The first was Friday afternoon late, when the sawdust and shavings back of the Prints & Son wood working shop caught afire and was blazing merrily when discovered. The only damage was an outbuilding burned. The second was Tuesday night about 11 o'clock when a small shed back of the Southwestern Hardware Company was seen on fire by the men working in the Stone garage. The fire whistle sounded and the fire wagon was there in just four minutes from the time the alarm was sounded. No serious damage was sustained and the fire was soon out. Yesterday morning a gasoline stove exploded at the home of Mrs. Lipscomb on Third street, but the fire fighting apparatus was soon on hand and no serious fire resulted. For a bunch of amateur volunteer firemen, we must hand it to the Liberal firemen on the stir they make when the alarm sounds. They get action and they get it right now when the call comes, and they never lose their heads and get things balled up when they get to the scene of the fire. The fire fighting equipment has only been here a few weeks but we believe it has already prevented enough fires to more than pay for itself.

The present summer is about the hottest the country has had since the mind of man runneth not to the contrary. Heat prostrations are reported from the cities by the score, and horses that have to work on pavement are dropping like flies. No relief is offered by the weather bureau for several weeks, and unless an unforeseen change takes place old Sol's toll of life will mount up to the thousands.

WORKING FOR BETTER ROADS

Several car loads of Liberal's business men, representing the Liberal Chamber of Commerce, journeyed out to the Blue Bell school house Friday night and met with about 50 of the farmers of that district to organize a good roads movement. The meeting was the best of its kind ever pulled off in this part of the country and almost every farmer in the vicinity turned out. It was a rousing meeting, full of pep and enthusiasm. The business men and farmers gave short talks on road building and discussed the roads in general. A plan was launched to build several miles of gyp clay roads running east from Liberal. It is intended to extend the road later and connect up with the Meade county road. The Chamber of Commerce has a good, live road committee and the organization is devoting much of its energy to the building of good roads all over Liberal's trade territory.

Alva Stevens of Hugoton and George Kasson of Moscow were Liberal visitors Sunday.

WILL ORGANIZE MOOSE LODGE

Liberal will be full of Moose in the next few days. Not the Big Bull variety, however, but the full-fledged members of the Loyal Order of Moose. Chas. B. Loop, district organizer for that order, has been busy the last few weeks gathering in members for the opening and has already secured over 50 members, some of whom are prominent citizens. The intention is to fit up a club home as soon as the subordinate lodge is instituted. It is probable that the Dodge City lodge, No. 1187, which has a membership of over 300, will be present to help in the initiation ceremonies on the opening night, and Gerald F. Gahan, national director of the organization, with headquarters in Mooseheart, Illinois, is also expected to be here at that time.

SCHOOL CENSUS INCREASED

The school census completed last week by Miss Mildred Feather showed a very satisfactory increase in children of scholastic age in Liberal. The present census showed 401 girls and 413 boys in the district, a total of 814 eligible to attend school next fall. Last year's census showed only 629, making an increase of 175. Miss Feather raked the town over thoroughly in her gathering of names, and it is doubtful if anyone escaped whose name should go on the records.

"Good evening, how do you feel?" asked a transient of a Liberal lady Tuesday evening while the lady was traveling through an unlighted part of town. "Good evening, and how do YOU feel?" replied the lady as she rapped the gentleman in question over the head with a heavy stick she was carrying as protection against stray dogs, with a force that nearly sprained her hand. The fresh one never tarried long enough to answer the question, but it is thought his head felt the next day like the morning after the night before.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Reeves have moved back on their farm south of town to spend the winter. Mrs. Reeves will teach school in that district during the coming term and Mr. Reeves will try his hand at farming again, which he had to give up a while back on account of falling health.

J. F. Parsons, accompanied by his son Ben and daughter Florence, and Miss Aldora Smith, all of Hugoton, passed through here Tuesday en route home from a trip to eastern Kansas. They took in the big tractor show at Hutchinson while gone.

MUSIC STUDIO CLOSES

Mrs. J. F. Funk closes her studio of music this week and contemplates spending the remainder of the summer at the lakes in Wisconsin. She wishes to express her appreciation of the valued patronage of her patrons the past year. The following enrollment include the personnel of pupils:

Margaret Bane, Ralph Bane, Agnes Bane, Alice Bolin, Ralph Bolin, Harriet Boles, Fern Boles, Helen Boles, Lucy Barbee, Ruby Bozarth, Mrs. Belle, Thelma Bumgardner, Phebe Buckland, Ruth Black, Ruth Cure, Mildred Cure, Master A. J. Cure, Zelma Clarke, Edlyne Crissmann, Loyd Coffey, Jenette Coffey, Geneva Coffey, Walter Davis, Mildred Davis, Margaret Etzold, Irene Etzold, Clara Evans, Winifred Evans, Alice Eldson, Reta Feather, Mrs. Frain, Alma Green, Agnes Green, Eldora Heath, Estella Heath, Mrs. Dr. Higginbotham, Pearl Ihde, Mary Jackson, Blanche Jensen, Mrs. W. A. King, Rufus King, Thelma Keating, Louie Lemert, Josie Lippant, Mrs. Leete, Clifford Leete, Lewis Morrow, Vernon Morrow, Bert Morrow Francis Morrow, Frederick Morrow, Jennie Mooney, Gladys Mann, Pallas Mann, Evelyn Moulter, Bessie Packer, Mrs. Pysker, Ethel Pierce, Ruth Printz, Agatha Printz, Leona Ryan, Arlo Rolo, Letha Rolo, Ida Rogers, Corinne Shumate, Chas. Shumate, Billy Scandrett, Margaret Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Annie Shelton, Viola Shelton, Lucile Skinner, Ruth Wright, Zula Weidensaul, Laura Wood, Mrs. Lee Wood, Edith Womack.

CHANGE AT EQUITY EXCHANGE

A change in management at the Equity Exchange Association was made this week. I. R. Salley, who has been manager of that institution, has resigned and will go to Tucumcari, New Mexico, to manage the new elevator put in there recently by C. M. Light & Co. M. L. Hays, who has been with the Equity for some time, has been promoted to general manager and will be the man behind the gun from now on. Hays is a fine fellow and the Democrat joins his other friends in extending congratulations on his preferment.

The city has had men at work trimming the weeds along the sidewalks in the business part of town during the past week or two. It helped the looks of things wonderfully in the sections where things were cleaned up, but someone should get busy in the residence districts and do the same thing. Weeds are unsightly and unhealthy conditions result from too great an abundance of them.

NOTICE

The Royal Neighbors will meet next Wednesday night, August 9, at the I. O. O. F. hall, over the Citizens State Bank. All members will please take due notice thereof and be present.

The L. T. L. met the last of the week on the lawn at the home of Mrs. Moore and held their July picnic. About twenty little people were present and enjoyed themselves by playing games and telling stories for a couple of hours. Cake and sherbet were served before they departed for their homes. The August picnic will be announced later.—Mrs. Vickers, Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sawyer and family left Wednesday for their annual vacation. They left in their car and will join other parties in Elkhart and proceed to the rivers and mountains of Colorado, where good fishing and recreation may be had. Mrs. Sawyer also hopes to get relief from hay fever while gone.



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